

SENATE BILL 181  
By Ketron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2 relative to compensation for death in the line of duty.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 7, Chapter 51, Part 2, is amended by adding a new section thereto:

Section 7-51-207.

(a) For the purposes of this section, unless the context otherwise requires:

(1) "Volunteer rescue squad worker" means any person who is trained in emergency and rescue work and who performs such work without compensation in a unit that is equipped to address such situations; and

(2) "In the line of duty" means in the course of duty and in the actual discharge of duties of the position.

(b) The estate of any volunteer rescue squad worker who is killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). Payment shall be made from the general fund after receipt by the department of finance and administration of a certified death certificate and an affidavit from the decedent's employer or volunteer rescue squad that the decedent was killed in the line of duty.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.